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## DOWN THEY COME.

**Twenty-one Ex-Aldermen Hand In Affidavits Involving Others.**

**The Committee Is Getting Close to the Crooks.**

**Chicagoans Likely to Witness Something Startling Before a Great While.**

**Squealers Turning Up by the Wagon Load Anxious to Get In.**

**The Lake Street "L" Road Appears to Have Been the Big Scheme.**

**Although Numerous Other Jobs Have Been Opened Up.**

**The Aldermanic Pay-Roll of the West Division Railroad Company.**

There are breakers ahead for a number of the Aldermen. The committee of business men and lawyers, who have been quietly working for some time back to get things in shape for a special Grand Jury, is meeting with unexpected success.

Some annoyance was caused the members by the publication in last week's EAGLE of the fact that the committee was at work. THE EAGLE is sorry if it interfered in any way with the course of justice, but it has to give news to its readers, and hence has no apology to offer.

A member of the committee, who is a prominent business man, said to the editor of THE EAGLE: "I was sorry that you published anything in THE EAGLE about our investigations, as I feared that it would put the scalawags on their guard. It appears to have had an opposite effect. Twenty-one ex-Aldermen and Aldermen have made affidavits which are in our possession, and which are sufficient to send a car-load of statesmen to Joliet. You would not believe that some former leaders in the City Council are among the squealers. But they are. That Lake street 'L' road business was a sort of town meeting affair, and some of the 'boys' who were promised a 'bit' failed to get anything. Of course they gave the whole scheme away, and we have some pretty good squealers now on our hands. I can say no more about this Lake street business, but let me say that a number of Aldermen now in the City Council will not take much interest in the fall campaign. Did you ever know that a number of the Aldermen were carried on the payroll of the West Side Railway Company for years? No? Well, just wait a few weeks and you will find out who they were. I cannot give you any more information just now, but by keeping your eyes open you can discover something about the

City Hall. The gang is scared, and don't you forget it. They will be worse off by and by."

Some of the "cheap" Aldermen in the present Council are in a bad boat. They have been so hungry for coin that they have exposed their hands unwittingly.

It is said that the committee intends to ask for a special Grand Jury in September, as they will then have their witnesses and everything else in pretty good shape. In the meantime a lot of Aldermen are running about with their tongues out trying to find the committee in order to squeal.

## POOL-ROOM JOE.

**Mr. Ullmann, of St. Louis, Violates the Law.**

**He Is Running a Pool-Room Wide Open on South Clark Street.**

Despite the fact that the State law is very severe against pool-rooms, the notorious Joe Ullmann, of St. Louis, has opened a pool-room on South Clark street. It is filled with minors from one end of the day to the other, and several embezzlements have already been traced to this joint.

Ullman boasts that he is solid with the administration, however.

What does this mean?

How much is he giving up?

THE EAGLE has sent for this man's record which will be published in due time, and don't you forget it.

## FATHER BARRETT AT REST.

The Services at St. Stephen's Church Largely Attended.

The funeral services of Father Barrett, who met with such a tragic death last Saturday, were held Monday at St. Stephen's Church, at Sangamon and Ohio streets. The exterior of the building was draped with black, the sidewalks and streets were packed with people, and the auditorium of the church was so crowded that to gain entrance just before the services commenced was nearly impossible. The doors were guarded by a policeman, whose efforts to govern the uneasy crowd at the entrance succeeded in barely preventing a stampede. Those inside enjoyed no physical comfort, for at least three persons occupied the space intended for one under ordinary circumstances.

The services were begun by the concerted reading of the office of the dead, and the requiem high mass was then celebrated by Father Venn, assisted by Father Murphy, Deacon, and Father Baldwin, Sub-Deacon.

At the Benediction John J. Winne delivered Mercadante's eloquent and pathetic solo, "I Thirst." The absolution was pronounced by Archbishop Feehan at the end of the mass. Dr. Butler then paid an appropriate tribute to the character of the deceased.

The music of the services embraced Schmidt's requiem, by a double quartet and chorus; solo, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Mrs. Dan McCarthy; a solo of the redemption by John T. McGuire; duet, "O, Salutaris," by Mrs. Winder and Mrs. August E. Dasso.

The active pall-bearers were J. T. Stanton, J. H. Burke, William Ford, John F. Dugan, D. Falvey, James McGivern, James Dwyer, and Martin Crowe.

The honorary pall-bearers were James Broderick, William Struck, Patrick McCormick, Hugh McMahon, John O'Connor, F. Fitzsimmons, William Moore, James Fleming, James Perry, Patrick Cantelero, Patrick Corrigan, J. J. O'Connor, D. Kehoe, James Clinton, Mike Ford, T. McDonough, and Charles Dugan.

Many Catholic clergy from other places attended the funeral ceremonies.

## M'DONALD SPEAKS

**The Great Michael Cassius Defends the City Administration.**

**Condemning Fraud, He Wants Mike Corcoran Punished.**

**Favoring Reform, He Wants to Give \$5,000 to That End.**

**The Eloquent Son of Ashland Avenue Streaks the Pale Air with Words.**

There was a great meeting of the County Democracy at the assembly-rooms of that organization last Tuesday evening. Among the prominent citizens present were Max Dumbofsky, A. Cohen, B. Wersheimer, Solomon Van Praag, B. Franklin Jenkins, John Hoey, "Hear Hear" O'Brien, J. V. Da Costa, "Cap." White, Richard Simms, Ike Rivers, and a number of other gentlemen prominent in bridge, water office, and social circles.

The ball opened with Mr. Max Dumbofsky on his feet, and the following set of resolutions, written in red ink, in his hand:

WHEREAS, It is alleged that certain frauds were committed and the election laws were violated in the Twenty-fourth Ward in the late Aldermanic election; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic party of Cook County denounces in the strongest terms any and all attempts to commit fraud or in any manner violate the sacredness of the ballot by any person or persons of whatsoever political party; be it, therefore

Resolved, That the Cook County Democracy as an organization tender to the State's Attorney the assistance of such counsel as may be deemed proper to assist in the prosecution of the defendants now charged in the Criminal Court of this county with the commission of such offenses, and that we, individually and collectively, tender to the authorities our personal aid in bringing to merited punishment any and all persons who may be guilty of such fraud or attempt at fraud.

Mr. Michael Cassius McDonald then took the floor and delivered the following telling speech, which was interrupted frequently by applause: "For the first time in a number of years, my fellow citizens, we have in the city of Chicago a Democratic administration [cheers]. It is an administration which will tolerate no frauds upon the ballot-box [frantic cheers]—and which is opposed to vice in every form. This administration had just succeeded in closing all of the gambling houses left open by a wicked predecessor. [Applause.] It had just closed all the pool-rooms. [Cheers.] It had closed every den of iniquity. [Enthusiasm.] It had just snatched, through the aid of its star-bedecked coppers, the last cigarette from the mouth of the Chicago small boy [wild and long continued applause and renewed cheering]—when with the consciousness of duty well performed came the knowledge of this horrible Twenty-fourth Ward fraud. [Groans.] Gentlemen, the ballot box must be kept sacred. In the words of Louis Adams, 'In candle-box was tallowen.' [Wild cheers.] Let us not forget the past nor the record of this man Corcoran. The administration knows him not. Neither does Banks Cregier. [Applause.] It is the duty of this club to see that all attempts on the sanctity of the ballot are punished. As Capt. Farrell says, it's a many a step between a winner and a loser. We cannot afford to be losers. So rally for Reform! Rally for victory and you will get it. But down the people who dare assail the ballot-box. [Great applause for ten minutes.]

Mr. McDonald wanted the resolution amended to pledge \$5,000 toward paying extra lawyers, but, the chair called it out of order under the constitution. The vote was unanimous upon the resolution being put to passage.

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and the announcement was received with cheers.

Bliss, Be Blessed!

It is understood that Captain Buchanan of the Fourth Ward will not be again a candidate for the lower house of the General Assembly in the Second District, and E. R. Bliss, ex-County Attorney, is being urged for the place. He is a first-class man and would be a most valuable member of the General Assembly, especially in matters of legislation relating to Chicago and Cook County. This was proved by the part he took in drafting the excellent new annexation law; also in preparing the new County Board law.

## HERE'S CHEEK

**\$878,000 of the People's Money to Be Given to the Stock Yards.**

**The Corrupters of Our Drinking Water to Be Permitted to Rob the People.**

People of Chicago, wake up!

A corrupt ring of contractors, packers, fertilizers and others have decided to force a scheme through the City Council for the enrichment of themselves and the despoilment of the citizens of Chicago.

An ordinance is now pending in the City Council which was introduced two weeks ago, to appropriate \$878,000 from the Chicago water fund to build water works for the Stock Yards.

Think of it!

Any Aldermen who votes for this has hoozie in his pocket. The people should remember this when the time comes.

## MEXICO'S MEN.

**They Claim that They Own the Chicago Authorities.**

**And Hence the Vile "Snake" Lottery Is Flourishing Here.**

The Mexican Lottery Company has opened up its business in the city of Chicago in a very bold manner. It is located on South Clark street in a very questionable neighborhood, and has for its chief engineer one "Lew" Cohen, formerly an underwear dealer, and a brother of the notorious "Sig" Cohen.

It is the boast of the managers of this enterprise that they have the police and city authorities dead to rights.

Have they?

That is the question THE EAGLE would like to hear answered.

A Handsome Book.

The "Universal Base-Ball Guide," edited by Mr. John C. Eckel, the Times' city editor, and Mr. Frank Connelly, the Times' base-ball reporter, is out of the hands of the printer. It is a very neat book and is the first base-ball guide worthy of the name that has ever been issued. All lovers of the national game should procure one without delay. The book contains a history of all the leagues, the base-ball record from the establishment of the game, and a vast amount of other information.

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## TO STEAL A MARCH

**The State Street "L" Ready to Surprise the Council.**

**All Arrangements Completed to Hurry the Scheme Through.**

**Enough Decent Aldermen to Defeat It When It Comes Up.**

The State street "L" road has made arrangements to rush its ordinance through the City Council under a suspension of the rules next Monday night.

The preparations for the event have been conducted with the utmost secrecy, and the "leaders" in the Board of Aldermen and their satellites are the only persons who have been let into the secret.

It is not likely, however, that this reprehensible scheme to give away the best street in Chicago will be permitted to pass.

Alderman McKnight of the Thirty-first Ward, speaking about the various "L" road schemes, said:

"Within the next sixty days a petition for an elevated road ordinance of a most comprehensive character will be presented to the people of this city and their representatives in the Council. It will be no wild-cat or speculative project. There is abundant capital behind the scheme, and the men who are concerned do not undertake anything which they do not carry to a successful conclusion."

Alderman McKnight refused to give details of the project, but diligent inquiry disclosed the main facts.

Early last week a number of canvassers were at work on South Halsted street, from Thirty-first to Thirty-ninth, endeavoring to obtain signatures to a right-of-way petition of the Equitable Transportation "L" Road Company. They met with success. Owners signed their holdings at from \$5 to \$8 per front foot, according to the character of the improvements on the property.

Suddenly the canvassers were withdrawn. The reason for this was not understood at the time, but the explanation is this: One of the canvassers got in a generous mood and exceeded his instructions. He offered to pay one owner \$10 per front foot for a certain piece of property. The owner's neighbors heard of the advance and increased their own figures. Some of those who had signed threatened revocation. All the canvassers were then withdrawn from Halsted street. The officers of the company came to the conclusion they could get a cheaper route.

Laurel street, which commences in the Union Stock Yards just opposite the Exchange Building, was selected. It runs through the property of the Stock Yards Company to Thirty-ninth street, where there is a bridge over the "slip." Thence north the street is a sort of dead thoroughfare. The fronting property would be enhanced in value if an "L" road should occupy the middle of the street. The canvassers were set to work there and obtained signatures at a moderate price quite freely.

MR. SHERMAN'S OFFER.

This week John B. Sherman, on the part of the Stock Yards Company, gave assent to the running of a line on Laurel street through the Stock Yards property. He further agreed to give a piece of ground for an "L" road station opposite the Exchange Building, and to sign for the right of way along the east and west street which runs in front of the Exchange Building, and which is locally known as Center avenue. The packers who own property along this route at the western end and as far as Ashland avenue have also signed.

The Equitable Transportation "L"

Company thus has a clear right-of-way for the mile between Halsted street and Ashland avenue along the Stock Yards' Center avenue, and have much more than half the right-of-way from what may be called the initial point south on Laurel street.

It is understood also that this new company has entered into arrangements with the Town of Lake "L" Road Company, of which Mr. Irus Coy is President, by which the right-of-way secured under the old Town of Lake government on Halsted street south of Eighty-seventh street and on Ashland avenue south to the same east and west thoroughfare can be utilized.

Here, then, is the nucleus of the comprehensive system of which Alderman McKnight spoke. If the Laurel street route is adhered to the road will come north on that thoroughfare as far as Archer avenue. It is proposed to run on Archer avenue as far as Hanover street. The right of way can be easily procured along this portion, as the Madison and Northern Railroad Company owns nearly one-half of the frontage. Some of the persons interested in that corporation are also interested in the "L" road project. Hanover street from Archer avenue to Canalport avenue is but a network of railroad tracks with a cluster of lumber yards at the northern end. The Council can give the right of way over the tracks without a petition. The lumber-yard owners will gladly sign, it is expected, on account of the accommodation the line will give their workmen.

When Canal street is reached at Canalport avenue it is proposed to run along the eastern line of the thoroughfare. The property along the east line of Canal street to Van Buren is owned mostly by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad Companies, corporations friendly to the promoters of the new project. The road will run east on Van Buren street. The terminus will probably be opposite the Board of Trade Building. The right of way here will have to be purchased.

OTHER ROUTES MAPPED OUT.

Of course other routes are mapped out, but this is the most feasible one, since the greed of the Halsted street property owners caused the abandonment of that territory. It may be, however, that the company will eventually take Halsted street south of Archer avenue in order to satisfy the Aldermen of the southwest section, who want their territory developed. Indeed the Aldermen of the southwestern wards want the promoters of the company to run their line over Main street bridge, along Throop street through the lumber region, and thence north to Van Buren street and east to the terminus already mentioned.

One of the southwestern Aldermen, who did not want his name mentioned lest he should be mobbed by property-owners, said in reference to the project: "I hope the road will run along Halsted street or the alley west. That street south of Twenty-second is dead. North of Twenty-second it is decaying. An 'L' road on the line would revive business there and greatly improve and enhance the value of property on all the cross and adjoining streets. I believe every Alderman in our section except, perhaps, Cooke and Murphy, would vote for an 'L' road on Halsted street as far as Van Buren if the right of way could be secured. It would be a popular move to do so. Most of the men who work at the Stock Yards and in the packing-houses live in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Wards. An 'L' road along Halsted street and west to Packingtown would be a great boon to them. It would give them more time to sleep and rest, and would spare them a mile of journeying westward from Halsted street. The project, if successful, cannot fail to boom the southwestern section as well as Bridgeport."

But who are behind the project? The leading men of the Stock Yards Company are interested, also Mr. Sherman would not have offered the right-of-way, nor would Mr. Irus Coy have placed the franchise of his company at the disposal of the promoters. Several of the packers are also interested, but they will not permit the use of their names in connection with the enterprise at present. They are waiting for the ordinance. If Eastern capital is required it can be secured from Boston through Mr. Thayer, of that